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S5000/S6000 V2.0 Operating System Upgrade

This is to announce the release of V2.0 operating system for the S5000 and S6000 MIDI Stereo Digital Samplers

[Improvements]

1. New screen layouts - the page layout of MULTI, KEYGROUP ZONES and KEYSPAN pages have been changed for easier view and use. Also, the new status indication of SOLO/MUTE ("crossed out speaker" icon) and PLAY ("crotchet" icon) have been added.

2. MIDI Song File player added. (***Note:*** *SMF Type 0 support only)*

3. Portamento/Mono legato added.

4. Sound Library support - Emu's EIV SCSI disks and Roland's S7xx series CD-ROM disc support have been implemented. (***Note:*** *CD-ROM disc only for Roland)*

5. Formatting - Floppy disk and FAT32 (HD) format supported

6. USB interface board (IB-S56USB) support - also requires the S5000/S6000 USB driver software ánd the "ak.Sys." control and networking application software installed in PC/Mac.

7. Numerous other new functions and improvements - refer to the V2.0 addendum manual. (***Note:*** *Refer to the Service Information for the details of bug fixes.)*

[NOTE] "ak.Sys." is the control and network system software developed by Akai Professional for the PC/Mac to allow control of up to 32 samplers from a single computer via USB port (thus requires the IB-S56USB USB interface board installed on samplers). It provides "Multi Editor" and "Program Editor" with "Search Engine" that makes finding the file fast and "Virtual S6000 Remote Panel" that offers an access to every function available in the sampler. Its "drag and drop" operation allows transferring the files between samplers without first loading it on the computer. A "Sample Editor" was not included as there are so many good third party sample editing applications available already. However, almost any third party sample editing application can be configured to be used within ak.Sys.

For information on how to obtain the upgrade, check the Akai web site at
http://www.akaipro.com, or contact your authorized Akai distributor.

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